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(B) SCHOLLAERT TO MONTGOMERY LETTER DATED 4/19/74 (NOTAL)

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1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFS A AND B, SCIENCE LIAISON

OFFICER AGAIN DISCUSSED GOA PARTICIPATION IN CCMS SOLAR

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ENERGY PILOT STUDY WITH CSIRO'S SAMUEL LATTIMORE AND

ROGER MORSE. LATTIMORE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, INDUSTRIAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES BRANCH, HAS NOW AGREED TO REQUEST CSIRO EXECUTIVE AT ITS MAY 28 MEETING TO ACCEPT FORMAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOA PARTICIPATION AND NAME AUSTRALIAN COORDINATOR. ROGER MORSE, HEAD OF SOLAR ENERGY STUDIES UNIT, MELBOURNE, SEES NO PROBLEMS IN COMPLETING PHASE I QUESTIONNAIRE. ROGER MORSE BELIEVES HE IS MOST LIKELY PERSON TO BE NAMED COORDINATOR, AND LATTIMORE CONCURS.

2. AFTER LISTENING WITH INTEREST TO DETAILS EUROPEAN TRIP OF NSF'S FREDERICK MORSE (REF A), LATTIMORE RAISED FOLLOWING THREE QUESTIONS: WILL ODEILLO MEETING BE HELD IN JUNE? WILL GOA AND OTHER POSSIBLE SIGNATORIES RECEIVE ADVANCE COPY OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ON PHASE II AND III INFORMATION EXCHANGE PRIOR TO MEETING? DOES PHASE I COOPERATION REQUIRE AN MOU? LATTIMORE OBSERVED THAT, EVEN IF CSIRO EXECUTIVE ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PILOT STUDY AND NAMES COORDINATOR ON MAY 28, IT SEEMS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT GOA WOULD BE ABLE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO ODEILLO AS EARLY AS JUNE. HOWEVER, SENIOR CSIRO OFFICIAL (UNNAMED) DOES PLAN TO VISIT EUROPE IN MID-JUNE AND MIGHT BE ABLE TO ATTEND IF INVITATION RECEIVED EARLY ENOUGH. ALTERNATIVELY, CSIRO REPRESENTATIVE IN LONDON (LENNOX) MIGHT BE ABLE TO ATTEND, PARTICULARLY IF MEETING HELD LATER ON. BECAUSE OF SHORT LEAD TIME AND HIS HEAVY WORKLOAD, IT APPEARS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ROGER MORSE TO ATTEND MEETING IN EUROPE IN JUNE.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH LATTIMORE AND MORSE SEEM OPTIMISTIC, PROSPECTS FOR ACTIVE GOA PARTICIPATION IN PILOT STUDY STILL ARE UNCERTAIN. CSIRO OFFICIALS REMAIN DUBIOUS THAT DEPARTMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS ACCEPTED US INVITATION WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION WITH THEM AND ARE LARGELY IGNORANT OF PILOT STUDY. LATTIMORE CONFIDES THAT HE IS WARY THAT PILOT STUDY MAY INVOLVE "MORE POLITICS THAN SCIENCE."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE EARLY ANSWERS TO LATTIMORE'S THREE QUESTIONS (PARA 2). ALSO, PLEASE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADVISE WHETHER U.S. WILL FORMALLY INVITE GOA TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO ODEILLO (OR WHEREVER) AND, IF SO, WHEN. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT COULD BE VERY USEFUL IN OVERCOMING CSIRO APATHY TOWARD PILOT STUDY IF SCIENCE COUNSELOR BOWEN AT AUST. EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WERE THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ON PROJECT.
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